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Temperatures averaged five degrees above normal in the northwest and twelve degrees above normal over the remainder of the State. Only trace amounts of precipitation occurred throughout the week.

GENERAL

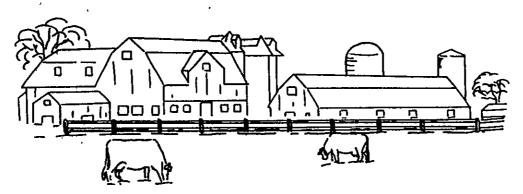
The main activities during December were: livestock care, bookwork, equipment maintenance, ordering supplies; routine chores, and in some areas, a limited amount of fieldwork. Most of the snow cover has melted with the return of average or above average temperatures during the final week of the month, with most of the remaining snow cover reported in the northern portion of the State.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition was rated at 1% very poor, 17% poor, 71% fair, and 11% good. Most areas reported at least some snow cover during the extreme cold weather, although most of it has melted now. There was much concern about the lack of soil moisture.

LIVESTOCK

Feed grain supplies were rated average, hay and forage rated average to below average, and pasture and range feed supplies Most livestock rated below average. were still taking advantage of crop residues, where conditions per-Snow cover and very cold mitted. weather required supplemental feedcausing concern about supplies. Some losses were reported due to the weather but generally losses were considered minimal.



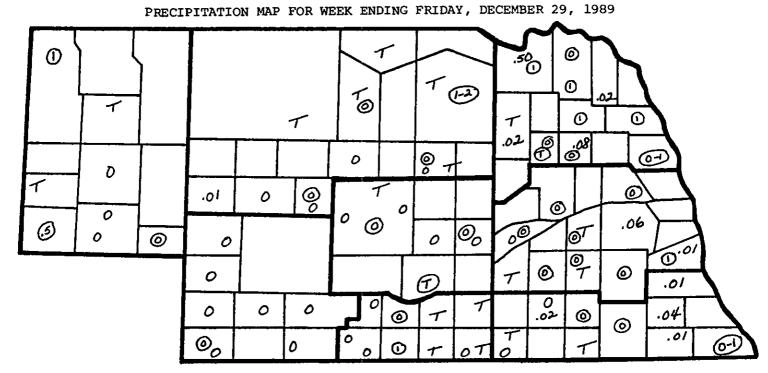
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1/ Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Circled numbers indicate depth of snow in inches as of December 29, 1989.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1989

			Precipitation				
	Station	Ext	remes	Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
		Max	Min	Mean	Departure	Total Theres 1/	
iJW	Chadron	50	18	32		0	
	Scottsbluff	48	17	30	+5	${f T}$	
	Sidney	56	18	32		${f T}$	
NC	Ord	56	20	34		T	
	Valentine	55	16	31	+10	${f T}$	
NE	Norfolk	48	15	31	+11	.06	
	Sioux City	47	6	29	+10	-06	
CEN	Grand Island	55	21	36	+13	${f T}$	
EC	Lincoln	57	17	34	+12	.01	
	Omaha	54	10	32	+11	.04	
SW	Imperial	58	20	33		0	
	North Platte	55	16	33	+10	T	

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.